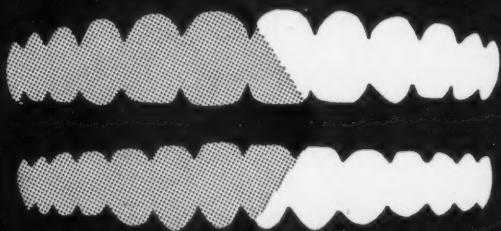


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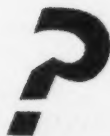
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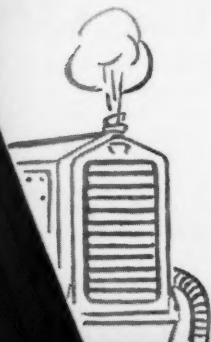
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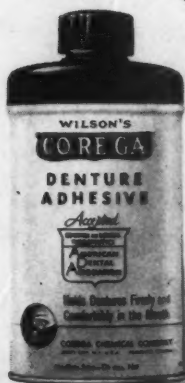


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The President Speaks . . .

Dear Friends:

Again—seemingly so soon I greet you! "O Time! Time! how it brings forth and devours."

*Make the most of it—it flies
Away so fast.
Redeem that which is past.
Catch, oh catch the transient
Hour and use it well—*

for in nine more months the report of the American Dental Assistants Association for the year 1957 will be history. MARCH, march on to an unprecedented success!

We had such a good meeting in Chicago. Eleven members of your Board were present. There were also one major Committee Chairman and several of the Past Presidents. We, who were there, felt that much was accomplished for the betterment and further development of our organization and it won't be long before you will be having reports of this meeting.

A sober optimism permeated each meeting. There were signs of ADVANCE in membership. The enrollment at the close of January was two thousand, one hundred and thirty-nine—but we must have a greater enrollment than that for we have a possibility of TEN THOUSAND! The fields are "white on to clover" and "when love and skill work together we can expect a masterpiece," that masterpiece being the attainment of the goal that we have set for this year.

Of course, at this meeting, plans were made for our National Convention in Miami this November. Our Program Chairman let us in on enough of the plans that are "in the making" by her committee, and the Florida girls are working hard to make this another outstanding meeting.

Over and above the Board meeting there were three ultra-extras. One was the distinct privilege of meeting with the Illinois Dental Assistants Association and the Chicago Dental Assistants Society; the second was the great joy of going with Mary Martin to La Porte, Indiana, and visiting with her and her staff in our Central Office; the third was the wonderful opportunity to visit the newly expanded and remodeled building of the American Dental Association. This experience was made possible by the thoughtfulness of Dr. Harold Hillenbrand who extended the invitation to their "open house."

As the year ADVANCES into March and April, so "spring hangs her infant blossoms on the trees" and

*"There's no time like Spring
When life's alive in everything."*

To be in tune with nature's advances, I hope the State Officers are "setting their house in order" for their State Meetings. May your program be worthy of your great organization, wide-awake, enthusiastic, stimulating, invigorating! The State Meeting is the medium whereby we really get to know each other, where we really receive much needed help and where we can, in return give a great bit of help. It is the foundation stone on which the National organization is built, so nurture it tenderly and purposely.

May this be a happy and glorious Easter for each one of you.

Sincerely,

MARY FRANCES DUTTON

Editorial

PROGRESS via ORGAN

By CORINNE A. DUBUC, *Contributing Editor*

We, Dental Assistants, from all over the United States strive to obtain and exchange as much knowledge as possible, in order that we may better serve our employers and improve ourselves.

With specific reference to the Dental Assistant of yesterday, as long ago as 1844, women began to enter the field of dental assisting. It may interest you to know that the Dental Assistant of that era was especially inclined toward the laboratory phases connected with her office, and she often wore a black and white maid's uniform.

Over the years, as the demand for Dentistry increased and the character of the dental services improved, Dentists found the services of the Dental Assistant more and more important. As a result, there are now more than 55,000 Dental Assistants in the United States.

In 1924, the American Dental Assistants Association was organized. The chief objective was "To elevate the standards of the Dental Assistant." A continually increasing membership of over 8,500 was reported, recently. In 1947, the Education Committee introduced a program which was soon placed in operation under the constituent committees which function on a state-wide basis. A nation-wide network of Educational Programs resulted and are in constant operation. In this same year, the American Dental Assistants Certification Board was organized, and incorporated in 1948. Their purpose being, to prepare examinations and to issue certificates to the qualified members. To date, over 5,000 members have become Certified. Then, the ADAA Education Committee introduced a plan to allow members to pursue a Correspondence Course. Recently, a committee was appointed by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association to assist them in a study of the function and progress of auxiliary personnel. Representatives from the American Dental Assistants Association and the American Dental Assistants Certification Board have been appointed to participate in this survey.

As I unfold the major accomplishments of the Dental Assistant since 1844, you will find that the main objective "Advancement" has been constant in the minds of our capable pioneers and leaders.

What is the new model Dental Assistant like? Summing her up, Miss Certified Dental Assistant of 1957 is the lady in white with the well integrated personality. She is thoroughly grounded in such principles of dental assisting as should enable her to conduct herself with credit in this ever increasing field of Dentistry. In plain language, she can do a lot more than her predecessors. Years ago, the Doctor hardly allowed the Dental Assistant to assist him at the chair. Today, the Certified Dental Assistant is expected to assist with the use of the various apparatus which wasn't even dreamed of years ago. And, Miss Assistant is expected to be a teacher. She must be something of an administrator, too. She must be prepared to plan a program of work each day . . . for herself, her employer, and many times for her fellow associates. The advances in dental science which have imposed all these scientific duties upon the Dental Assistant make it important that she have training, today.

Besides all this, her essential human quality has been considered of great importance. Her intimate contact with the patient is important in the evaluation of

good dentistry. Having considered all these demands upon the Dental Assistant and recognizing the facts that patients today spend many short time periods in the dental office, the human quality of the Dental Assistant is of great value.

Before she even began her shaping and polishing process that made her what she is, Miss 1957 has had to meet the required qualifications . . . she had to adapt herself to hard work, she had to prove herself for successful integration.

There is no doubt of the progress made by the Dental Assistant of YESTERDAY and TODAY. I say YESTERDAY and TODAY for we are fortunate in being young organizations. The ADAA is but 33 years of age and the ABACB is but 10 years of age. We have as some of our leaders TODAY, Dental Assistants of YESTERDAY. The past and present record of our Association is one which we may be justly proud. Our pioneers in this field faced hardships and overcame them by their ability, hard work, sacrifice and courage. Let us go forward into a bright future with the record of the ADAA and the ADACB as an inspiration for TOMORROW.

The Dental Assistant was born YESTERDAY to play an active part TODAY. What rewarding advantages does TOMORROW hold for her?

The information presented is evidence of the great strides accomplished through organization.

From Central Office Wires

Beginning with this issue the printing of the "Changes in the Directory of A. D. A. A. Officers" in *The Journal* is being discontinued. Please continue however, to advise Central Office of any changes that occur so that mail will reach the proper persons.

At the 1955 ADAA meeting the following recommendation was approved by the House of Delegates: "That all Local Societies arrange the election of their officers at the last business meeting before summer adjournment (May or June), and forward the changes immediately to Central Office, that a complete Directory of Officers may be compiled before they reconvene in the fall." Many of the local societies have cooperated, and we hope that all others plan to do so. Therefore, the DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS made and distributed by Central Office during the summer months, should contain current information that will be correct (with few changes) until the next one is published. Each Association and Society has a copy of this Directory in its possession and can refer to it for names of Officers of other societies.

WHAT ABOUT THE BROCHURES?

Some very fine Committee brochures have been mimeographed and distributed. The information contained therein is instructive and helpful as well as very interesting. Each State Association and Local Society receives a copy. ARE YOU MAKING USE OF THESE BROCHURES? We believe some of you are overlooking these because we receive inquiries from local committee chairman and members on matters that have been explained in the messages sent to the societies' presidents. Please read and share these brochures.

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The Little White Cap*

By HARRIETT HOUCK

This is the story of the last few years of my life:

Approximately five years ago I was the happiest "Little White Cap" one has ever seen. I had just been placed on the head of a very attractive and newly-made "Certified Dental Assistant." To add to my glory, this assistant was also my Doctor's wife.

We were very congenial for a while, but my happiness was short-lived! My assistant loved me dearly, but I was somewhat bothersome to her due to my constant faculty for sliding from side to side on her head and forever colliding into things. Before long I was laid aside and finally placed in a storage drawer where I was pushed hither and yon. My first thought was, "Oh dear! My happy days must be over!" My stay in this drawer lasted for about one year when suddenly a great ray of light reached me. The cleaning woman, having opened the drawer, found me sadly crushed into a dark corner. For the sake of this story I shall refer to the cleaning woman as "Hattie."

On the day Hattie removed me from the dark corner and smoothed out my wrinkles, she placed me on her head exclaiming, "Ah! If only I could be given the privilege of wearing you some day, Little White Cap!" We chatted at length, discussing the office routine and the duties entailed as a result of being a Dental Assistant, and it was during this particular discussion that I learned of Hattie's growing interest in obtaining a "Little White Cap." Having some knowledge of the Dental Assistant training, I made up my mind to help her in every conceivable way.

I knew there were two very good books on the shelf that would assist my new found friend; namely, "Levy's Text-book on Dental Assisting" and "Mrs.

Morrison's Text Book." My next move was to suggest that she borrow them from the Doctor for the purpose of studying both books in their entirety.

Hattie then folded me very tenderly and placed me back into the drawer, giving me top priority in same, rather than the dark, dismal corner.

During the following two years Hattie and I had many little chats on her cleaning days at the office, and by now she was naming the surfaces of the teeth and talking about pluggers, chisels and carvers. I just knew I had encouraged the right person!

The day Hattie told me I was soon to be released from hiding to take my rightful place with the Dental Assistants again was an unforgettable and thrilling one. My curiosity, though, caused me to request that Hattie start from the beginning and relate how she knew I would be joining the assistants again.

Here is Hattie's story:

"Little White Cap, I took your advice and studied the text books thoroughly plus all other literature provided by the Doctor and his wife. My greatest opportunity came one day when the Doctor's wife became ill and I was asked to relieve her the next day. The next morning I arose bright and early, and having reached the office one and one-half hours before his first appointment, I turned on all equipment and cleaned the office rooms completely. My next duties were to lay out a clean uniform for the Doctor and post the day's schedule.

When the Doctor arrived everything was in readiness for the first patient, including record charts, x-rays, cotton pliers, explorer and mouth mirror.

Receiving the first patient was a very happy moment for me and, after greeting her with a smile, I directed her to the operating room where I seated her

comfortably in the chair. My first day progressed along quite well and apparently the Doctor thought so too as thereafter I was requested to work rather often.

My thoughts were with you constantly, Little White Cap, and my goal was to remove you from that dark drawer forever.

One day the Doctor's wife told me that I could become a Certified Dental Assistant by taking the 104 hour Extension Study Course. After reading the requirements I learned that a high school education or equivalent was necessary and since I had the equivalent, my plan could materialize. Yes, Little White Cap, you guessed it! I took the study course!

The following year I worked very diligently pouring models, mixing cement, silicate and amalgam, developing and mounting x-rays, burning out wax patterns and casting gold inlays and crowns. You know, Little White Cap, I am over fifty years of age and do not learn as readily and quickly as a younger person. The patience of my Doctor and his wife helped me tremendously and I give them much credit for my being able to ask you to accompany me to Indianapolis for the examination."

That, my friend, is the story Hattie, the cleaning woman related to me, and now to complete my story:

Since I was the property of the Doctor's wife, it was she who permitted me to go to Indianapolis with Hattie. How proud I was again! Finally the eventful day arrived at which time four friends accompanied us. They did not seem a bit nervous, except for poor Hattie; she was just plain scared! My own nervousness caused me to bob around on her head, but after helping Hattie for four hours with the most difficult work she had ever attempted, we departed for home.

After four weeks of suspenseful waiting, the letter from New Jersey arrived. Poor old dear! She was afraid to read its contents. It lay on the table about ten minutes before I was able to persuade her to open same. Happy day! *We passed!*

And now I am qualified to wear my Certification Emblem once again.

My purpose in relating this story is to prove that, regardless of age, even an office cleaning woman can become a Certified Dental Assistant if determination is evident.

Hattie is now proudly working in my office, and is the President of our local Society.

**Presented as a competitive paper at the Indiana Dental Assistants Meeting, May, 1956; it was second place winner.*

LEND ME YOUR EARS

I'm the Rhymer from Mymer
Vi has had me so christened,
So, lend me yo' ears
And give a big listen.

We wrote you, I know
Of the plans we have galore,
But as of now, we don't know
What's behind that green door.

Not only that,
We don't know the spot,
Er' what we got cookin',
Er' what's in the pot!

In February, so they tell us
We'll know the score,
And when they give us the light
We'll crash that green door.

And we'll whoop and we'll holler
With joy and delight,
And plans we'll be cookin'
Fer, fer into the night.

So, bear with us, we beg you
Till the "wheels" hold a pow-wow,
And we'll pass on the low-down
As fast as we know-how!

(this is poetry??? OW!)

Yep! and it's from that Macy
gal from Florida—ed.

"Importance of Education to the Dental Assistant" *

Part 2

THE IMPORTANCE OF FORMAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL AND TO THEIR AUXILIARY AIDS

By MRS. ISABELL V. KENDRICK

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Formal educational programs for the training of dental assistants in limited areas—have met with varying degrees of success. The dental educational background given students at these institutions has been watched over carefully by the American Dental Assistants' Association, and it is to their credit that inspection teams are constantly checking the facilities, course content and overall procedures of these schools.

Dr. Demeritt's suggestion of a Workshop in which the "working dental assistants" might take time to list the various duties required of them, must have been carried out in part at least, by the Assistants' Association in order to arrive at what now constitutes an "approved" course for the training of dental assistants. It will form an excellent foundation for continued study in this pursuit.

Presupposing that the population will have doubled by 1975 as statistics indicate, and that the number of matriculating dentists will not have kept pace in proportion—then the maintenance of health and mortality of the dental practitioners of that period will be dependent somewhat on the numbers and efficiency of trained auxiliary personnel used effectively in every phase of office procedure.

This and the following two papers were presented at the panel discussion conducted on Oct. 3, 1956, at the Annual Session of the American Dental Assistants Association.

Unless something concrete and constructive is done to provide for this vast reservoir of needed service, the picture resolves itself into a magnification of what is going on at this very moment in most areas, from which reports have come.

Where no formal educational program exists or to augment an existing one dental auxiliary aids must usually be selected from those who answer newspaper advertisements or who may apply through employment agencies. Since appearances may be deceiving and investigations difficult, sorry results often arise to harass the dentist.

Admitted it would be ideal if each dentist had the time, aptitude and interest to train an assistant, so that the team could work efficiently as one unit, and that such an assistant would remain as long as some of the faithful ones we all know, but we may as well face present day facts, the most outstanding of which is the rapid turnover of dental personnel. Some would-be employees are desirous only of securing a glamorous position with a sizeable pay check and very little work.

Therefore screening is the first and most important way in which the formal educational program for training the dental assistant may contribute to the effective and more lasting quality of the end product.

To some degree, each of the following factors helps to determine a more de-

sirable prospect for the formal course:

1. A definite and persistent interest exhibited in the profession, since many of the applicants apply a year in advance. This allows plenty of time for reconsideration before training actually starts.

2. An interest in people and some degree of devotion to the service of mankind, expressed by the applicant.

3. A desire for a variety of duties which a dental office affords.

Personal interviews at the time of application, can be supplemented by additional meetings with the candidate if doubt arises after school records have been received and reviewed. General appearance and condition of teeth as well as personality qualities can be noted at the first interview. High school records should be carefully scanned for poor attendance, and the Principal's and Counsellor's notes and recommendations or lack of them considered thoroughly. Pre-testing, using the pre-nursing test, given by the American Psychological Corporation, reveals further information about the student's abilities and background.

It should be stated to the credit of the most desirable applicants, that discussion of salary usually comes last, and although important to them, it is not a deterring factor to find that, following a year of training, they may receive the same starting salary which would be offered to them directly from high school, were they to choose industry or business instead.

Once entered upon, the formal program gives day by day study of the student dental assistant, and an opportunity to determine whether or not she will be a probable success. It allows for dismissal and redirection of her activities, without a feeling of personal failure, and saves the dentist the time and effort of trying to orient one whose capabilities are not adapted to the field.

The dental assistant who is finally graduated from an approved formal edu-

cational course, has undergone a series of personal "make-over" treatments from the very moment she arrives in the classroom with its complete dental office in the same building. Her posture is constantly checked, her professional demeanor stressed, to bring about the desired results.

Fundamentals in all phases of dental assisting must go hand in hand with learning to follow directions and carry out instructions without questioning; related dental sciences are included for a more complete understanding of what the position requires, and to develop a more intelligent co-worker, who may wish to make a career of her job.

A dentist and a dental hygienist should be a part of every formal educational program for the training of the dental assistant unless such training is conducted in conjunction with a dental college, where adequate dental personnel is staffed.

Professional teachers have much to offer in their particular fields, but the material which they present, should be constantly discussed with the dental personnel to insure its practical slant in the direction of the desired results. This is the principle by which Vocational Education has achieved years of successful results. Personnel, selected directly from the Trade or Profession in which the student is to be trained, teach the practical and some of the related subject matter. Each specialty has a so-called "Shop"—which in the case of dental assisting is a complete two-chair dental office, reception room, business office, laboratory, dark room and sterilizing area,—where the normal working situation is simulated and experienced in operation a portion of each day.

I believe we will all acknowledge that becoming a member of the professional team necessitates adjustments in one's way of living. In fact dental assisting is a "way of life." What better way to acquire it than to practice "living" it in

an atmosphere of helpful guidance by dental personnel, with the opportunity to make mistakes and correct them without undue embarrassment. The day by day suggestions and corrections of small details gradually develop habit patterns. The big, little things which save an employer hours of time and irritation, and also save him actual dollars in the end, through understanding care of his valuable equipment.

Actual chairside assisting with patients present, develops the alert anticipation of the doctor's needs, and again the assistant is told of the many ways in which she may be required to adjust her knowledge. This thought is constantly repeated; the employer is the one who decides and determines procedure; the assistant adjusts. Psychology teaches that "repetition of the same thought on the same mind will bring about the desired results," and that should be the aim of any formal training program. However, the material must be presented in varied and original forms to keep it fresh and living. Boredom in learning will never produce the eager, sparkling personalities so desirable in a dental office. Personality training should be an important part of the educational plan.

To insure more individual experience for each student, something in the nature of a cooperative plan can be arranged with the local dental group, which works to the mutual advantage of students and area dentists. Assuming the training has progressed beyond the first three or four months, dentists who need additional help in the office, or a substitute for an assistant who may be ill, can use the student's services to good advantage. The dental assistant in turn gains valuable experience from working for different types of dentists, and in specialized fields. She is much better able to choose which position would suit her particular abilities and if agreeably placed, will be more apt to remain as a permanent employee.

Therefore, some of the benefits accruing to the dentist, from the formal educational program are—

To supply him with the kind of auxiliary aid which will make possible, greater service to his patients; more dentistry with less physical strain; a greater degree of financial success without impaired health; more enjoyment from his profession because his responsibilities are lightened by an efficient worker who understands his aims and tries to save his strength for more years of service.

In addition to this, he has a young lady in his employ who knows about the ethics of the profession, and of her own association;

—who knows something of the history of the profession and the men who helped to make it great;

—who knows about the family of dental personnel, and that she too can belong to a progressive organization and continue to learn and study;

—who knows something of dental research which is current, and will wish to continue finding out more about her employer's views on the subject;

—who has been taught correct English usage and patterns, and practiced them in the clinic and in class dramatic situations;

—who has been drilled in the proper use of the telephone by means of dummy telephones and tape recorders;

—who has completed a Red Cross First Aid course during her year of training;

—who has viewed the very best in moving pictures and slides apropos of each of the subjects, and listened to lectures from many specialists in each of the fields;

—who has been stimulated by participation in the National Children's Dental Health Week activities, State Convention in the Spring, and often prepared one or more dental health assemblies for the high school while training;

—who is familiar with the names of

most of the dental supply companies, trade names, products of different manufacturers, and has learned to keep inventories, order supplies, and write proper letters in so doing.

Good grooming has been stressed; and a myriad of other subjects as:

—personal hygiene; wearing a complete uniform and its care; manners and courtesy with proper introduction procedures; drill in habit-forming; following several instructions in rotation with emphasis on assignment punctuality; following through to completion on all clinical details;

—learning to understand themselves—getting along with people—tolerance for the opinions of others, with informal discussions and constructive criticism of themselves; (Human Relations)—Floor talks based on their reading of various dental periodicals. Here the practice is three-fold. They learn to enjoy picking up new features of information concerning research in the profession; they learn to convey that knowledge to others; they are practicing proper English sentence construction and they are learning to approach a group with ease and verbal facility.

Possibly the most important phase of the training to some employers, is business and record keeping training. The student is taught the use of several record and bookkeeping systems often used in dental offices; how to process Blue Cross and Blue Shield for patient payments; how to complete simple tax forms; compute social security and withholding taxes; the class visits a local bank and is given instruction on the complete banking cycles; each student keeps a check book for several weeks of the course; and carries it through its various procedures;

Typewriting, the use of ediphones and other types of recordings, and filing are carried along for the entire program, first as a learning process and then applied to actual situations which will be encountered in the dental office.

Some of the aims of the formal educational program for the dental assistant might be summed up as follows:

A satisfying position which permits the use of her knowledge, ingenuity, good judgment and training;

The satisfactions which come from the anticipation and fulfillment of the needs of the dentist and of the patient;

Pride in her employer and his success and a sincere effort to contribute to that success.

Knowledge sufficiently well-grounded to insure her self-confidence; that given a little helpful guidance during the adjustment period she can adapt her training to her new employer's ways.

After all this has been accomplished and she has proved herself a valuable employee, she may leave to go into industry or business, with this report; the work was very interesting and she much preferred it to the new position; she liked her employer and he was an excellent dentist; but she left rather than ask for an increase in salary, and he had never mentioned the subject. In leaving she did not give him the true reason.

Frank discussions of the possibilities for advancement when hiring will go a long way to help in retaining a satisfactory employee. A fairly definite date established when the subject will again be taken up, and what may be expected if good performance is maintained. With a carefully worked out incentive plan of bonuses to add to base pay, it should be possible to correct some of the problems of losing such a large number of trained and experienced assistants each year. Frequent conferences to determine the office climate might prove valuable and informative.

Finally, the local dental group in the area of any training program, must be in close contact with the school supplying trained dental auxiliary aids; They should serve in an advisory capacity to keep the course content alive and fulfilling their needs. This advisory board should

consist of several dentists on a rotating basis, one or more dental assistants, active in the field, and one dental hygienist.

Training personnel, if the course is given outside of a dental college, should include at least one part-time dental instructor-operator, and one full-time dental hygienist with some dental assisting background, in addition to the professional teacher group of instructors.

More trained auxiliary aids are im-

portant to the maintenance of the health and efficiency of overworked dental personnel.

And last, the formal educational program can select through careful screening and produce by thorough training methods, more efficient auxiliary aids than the dentist can afford or train in his office, using time which economically should be devoted to more productive pursuits.

THE FUNCTION OF ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS AND PRECEPTORSHIPS FOR AUXILIARY PERSONNEL

By MISS ELIZABETH LINN

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The other participants on this panel have discussed some of the steps that need to be taken in understanding the function of the dental assistant, and hence, the body of knowledge and experience that she must be taught; and Miss Kendrick has already told you something about the need for formal educational programs to meet these needs and demands for training. My presentation is designed to explain the role and function of the less formal kind of training programs, namely, the "on-the-job" program, or what is sometimes called the "preceptorship" type program.

We all recognize that the professions as well as industry and business have utilized training that is conducted "on-the-job," "at the place of service," or "in the office." The history of our professions shows that both for the auxiliary personnel and for our specialty groups, we have seen the wisdom of utilizing the teaching services of the men and women in the professions to provide certain educational training, i.e., the lectures, examples and laboratory demonstrations. This instruction is usually given in the

offices or clinics of these instructors. While many of these "teachers" have had no formal training themselves in the rudiments of teaching methods, these are the persons who know exactly what traits and skills they themselves seek in employing the graduate — in this case, the dental assistant who is prepared to function efficiently in an office. These men are usually not theorists, like so many of the qualified pedagogs in our schools, but they do know the operations that must be performed. They know whether the new dental assistant should have a knowledge of the theory behind the operation or whether she needs a particularly good vocabulary in this area of work, or perhaps if she needs only a somewhat superficial knowledge of the theories behind the operation.

It is not my purpose to defend the preceptorship or "on-the-job" programs of education, for they need no such justification. Rather, they need some explanation, for there are many misunderstandings about the usefulness and timeliness of these "on-the-job" programs. It is

interesting to note that the Council on Dental Education recognizes preceptorship training programs as one kind of training that can be used for educating the dental specialists. However, there is some thought that as these advanced programs multiply and as they become better organized, the preceptorship type of training may disappear from certain of the curricula of these specialties, as has already occurred in some. Other groups may find that "preceptorships" have a certain usefulness as a part of the total program.

Those of us who have discussed this problem of educating dental assistants through the "on-the-job" training programs, realize that we often find ourselves debating two separate points of view. First of all, the preceptorship is unique from the standpoint of its locale — being conducted on the job. Also, it is unique from the standpoint that a non-professional educator provides the principal instruction. When one hears the preceptorship program being criticized, or its potentials being restricted, it is usually because someone feels that professional educators can do a more effective job than a busy practitioner who is not trained formally in pedagogical methods. I have yet to hear anyone criticize a preceptorship type program on the basis that it is conducted at least in part on the premises where the student will eventually be employed.

Dental assisting finds itself in a very peculiar and even unfavorable position in regard to its training programs. As has already been mentioned, there is some confusion when one defines the duties or responsibilities of a dental assistant. She may be a receptionist, bookkeeper, and chair-side assistant, or she may do any one of these jobs exclusively—having little or no need for training and experience in the other areas. The dentist who employs a group of auxiliary personnel may wish each of his "dental assistants" to perform only one part of the over-all job and hence, that dentist-employer sees

no reason for these girls to be trained in all aspects of a dental office and its operation. Dentistry finds itself with a similar problem on its hands when it considers the responsibility of training dental laboratory technicians. The dentist who employs a dental laboratory technician requires one who can perform all of the jobs and functions and so there is a real need for the fully or completely trained dental laboratory technicians in such offices. However, the dental laboratory owner, particularly those with many employees, has no reason to require this complete training for all of his laboratory workers, many of whom do only a few operations each day. Dentistry does have a training program which it has approved, believing that this two-year program represents a kind of educational experience that is needed by the dental laboratory technician whom the dentist wishes to employ. These same technicians are also available for employment by the laboratory owner who wants to employ a supervisor and who will have responsibilities greater than those of most of the others in the laboratory.

Whether this conference today, or the others which will be held, will show that there is a need among the dentists for one excellently trained dental assistant who can walk into almost any office is not definite. One realizes that the needs of the dental assistant in the office of some specialists is different from that of a dental assistant in some other specialists' offices.

Questions addressed to the dental practitioner continue to bring back the verdict from the potential employers that the majority would prefer to train their own dental assistants. The reasons for this answer are many, but it is certainly due in part to the fact that even today it is difficult to find graduates of formal education programs; and hence, most dentist-employers have had to resort to "on-the-job" training whether they really wanted to or not. One must also not discount the fact that until the last few

years, the dental schools have spent relatively little time in acquainting the graduates with methods of utilizing the services of dental hygienists and dental assistants efficiently. Hence, many of the dentists in practice today have not had formal training in working with personnel and therefore, with no specific knowledge of what these dental assistants should normally be required to do, he would often prefer training his own worker himself even if it meant that it would take time away from his practice, rather than taking the unknown graduate from the unknown school having an unknown curriculum.

It is my personal thought that the work that has now been started through the efforts of your Association and also, assisted by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association, will help add some uniformity and order to this somewhat chaotic situation of training the some 60,000 dental assistants through almost as many courses of study. It is also my opinion that when the American Dental Assistants Association and the Council on Dental Education agree upon a certain basic bundle of knowledge that is needed by the dental assistants, we will all find that some of this can be taught efficiently in classrooms and in dental schools by trained pedagogs. I believe, however, that you will also find that the "on-the-job" training programs will have graduated or progressed by that time to a new function. Those programs will be used by some of the dentists to provide an orientation program to their own offices and to their own methods of practice and management. These "on-the-job" programs will be used, too, by the teachers in the formal programs, for they will find there are some phases of the work that can be taught best to the student who is actually having the opportunity to perform and practice in surroundings which will be similar to those in which she will eventually be employed.

There will probably be instances in

which the dental assistant student, prior to her graduation or certification will be given several weeks of experience in a number of different offices. These will be manned by dentists, some of whom will have previously employed girls with this type of training. These men will in effect be part of a faculty of the program in which these girls are enrolled and these dentists will be aided in their supervision and teaching by those who are full-time teachers and supervisors in the formal teaching programs. That suggestion or prediction is not an idle supposition, for we have some dental hygiene programs in which the students are placed in training under the supervision and instruction of men in private offices and these courses are planned and organized with the school indicating the type and kind of experience that should be given to the student. Actually the student's work is evaluated or graded by both the supervisors from the school and by the dentist who is a part-time faculty member. For that matter, on-the-job training is being used in some of our dental schools by placing the senior students in offices for certain types of observation and experience.

In conclusion, I wish to say that it is my thought that "preceptorship" training or "on-the-job" training has been a most important factor in supplying and training the dental assistants who are in practice today. This mode of training may never disappear entirely as a means of training and educating dental assistants, but it will undoubtedly decrease rather markedly during the next ten years. However, because of the rather wide differences in the kind of special experiences required of the dental assistant in different offices, I believe that the "on-the-job" training will always be a significant part of the over-all educational experience of the dental assistant within the framework of the so-called formal training programs which will follow the requirements of the profession for these personnel.

IMPORTANCE OF LONG RANGE PROGRAMS IN DENTAL EDUCATION AS OPPOSED TO DAY BY DAY PLANNING FOR YESTERDAY'S NEEDS

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During the past decade or more, it has been a stimulating privilege to witness the development of the dental assistant and the formal organization of the American Dental Assistants Association. Today the value of the dental assistant is well recognized as one of the important ancillary personnel so necessary for successful dental practice.

The struggle for existence and for growth and development of the dental assistant has been successful and impressive. Early efforts for education and advancement were based upon day to day demands for service in a busy dental practice. The assistants with some aid from the dental profession formed study groups—first at local level, later at state level, and finally at a national level. It pleases me to recall my personal interest in some of these early classes, which pioneered toward the present and well established American Dental Assistants Association. Throughout this developmental area, there also developed the "Course of Study," leading to certification which immediately gave stature and standing to those who had satisfactorily passed the examinations and met the necessary requirements.

Very little interest was evidenced by dental educators in a formal way until very recently. The need for, and the importance of long range planning within dental education is quite evidently now a responsibility of the dental colleges. This is more evident as the reports of the Council on Dental Education during the past two years are reviewed. The Council considered the subject in 1955 and reported that workshops and other activities were under consideration. Again in February 1956 the Council on Dental

Education held a conference which was attended jointly by representatives of the American Dental Assistants Association and many dental deans and educators who were interested in the education of the dental assistant. It was decided that the Council would help in selecting a steering committee to determine what surveys should be instituted and what conferences would be held this calendar year and information thus collected would be made available to the deans of the dental colleges. Such information, when it is prepared, will point out the role the colleges might play in the education and training of the dental assistant as a member of the dental health team . . . of the doctor, the hygienist, the dental assistant, and the dental technician.

The ever increasing demand for dental service is a cause for concern as the future needs are studied. The span of life is increasing significantly. As the age of the patient increases so does the need for more health service. The average person, in the light of present knowledge and statistics is much more health conscious than even five years ago. The ratio, patient-dentist population, as the future is viewed, will be alarmingly out of proportion. The prospect for increasing the number of dentists graduated each year is not at all good. The number of dental schools today is unlikely to change very much in the years ahead. Dentistry, however, as a health service must adequately meet this rising tide. The answer lies only in more efficient operating methods, the development of newer techniques, and general improvement of operative procedures.

The leadership for these developments must rest within dental education. Not

only must a curriculum be developed for the education of the dental assistant but also its development must include the teaching of the proper use of an assistant at chairside to the dental student.

In order to meet the needs which are now clear, long range planning for the development of an educational program should now be started and formalized as early as possible. Conferences should be held attended by deans and other dental educators to develop details of imple-

menting such a program. Pilot programs should then be established in several colleges throughout the country which would show the way toward a strong curriculum which would meet satisfactorily all educational needs. Such a program, developed under the guiding hand of dental education and the Council on Dental Education, could then be used as a basis for a recognized course of study at dental college level for the dental assistant.

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Mental Attitude's Importance To Dental Assistants

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The dental assistant's, yes, also the dentists, Mental Attitude is the greatest factor which attracts people to you in a spirit of friendliness; or drives them away, according to whether your mental attitude is positive or negative. The individual is the only person who can control or determine which it shall be. God gave man complete control over his thinking. It is the only single thing over which we have complete control.

We have no control of the thoughts of other people, but we do have the privilege of controlling every thought we release from our own mind.

Mental attitude is *the determining factor* of all salesmanship, regardless of what one is selling, merchandise or personal service, as in the dental office. The dentist or dental assistant with a negative mental attitude can sell nothing. He or she may take orders from the patient who buys their services, but no selling was done. This type transaction occurs many times in the never-do-well office over the country. You may see it demonstrated in retail stores over the country where the customers likes and dislikes are disregarded.

Mental attitude very largely controls your station in life, the success one achieves in this life, yes, everything you hope to contribute to posterity. It would not be too great an overstatement to say Mental Attitude is *everything*.

Mental Attitude is the means by which the assistant and the dentist may condition their minds, casting out fears and doubts. You are then at the threshold ready to help patients do the same things.

Shall we of the dental profession exer-

cise this inevitable control, or let our minds wander at random? If allowed to wander without control, it will almost always be negative.

We may then truly say we are masters of our own fate precisely to the extent that we take possession of our own minds and direct them to definite ends through control of our mental attitudes.

A positive mental attitude is the only attitude that pays off in life, not only for assistants and dentists, but for every other profession or vocation. The definition, if we may call it such, of a positive mental attitude which I like best is given by Napoleon Hill in the book, "Outwitting Fear and Worry", to be published soon: "A positive mental attitude is the habit of keeping the mind busily engaged in connection with the circumstances and things one desires in life, and *off* the things one does not desire". A positive mental attitude is the biggest factor that causes a successful individual to prefer the association of another successful individual instead of a failure. The mind of an individual who has been and still is a failure is *always negative*. There is a repelling force between the successful individual and the individual who has failed in life, just as there is a repelling force when two different magnetic fields are opposite each other. The magnetic fields will attract each other if they are the same part as two positive (successful) individuals or two negative (failures) individuals.

Now let us be more specific as to dental assistants and what some of her qualities should be in regard to mental attitudes. She must realize that dentistry

is a necessity for health just as well as comfort and a happy social life. The dental assistant is looked upon as an authority in dentistry; therefore, she must secure the answers to the more prevalent questions asked of her. The dental assistants, as well as each individual dentist, reflect the dental profession to the public; therefore, each should act, walk, and talk the part. The assistant should feel sure her doctor is doing the best dentistry possible under the circumstances imposed upon him or her. She must feel sure her dentist is honest both outside and inside his office. The assistant must realize that the patient is the most important person in the office. She must make a sincere effort to be of service to the patient as well as to her doctor. The dental assistant acts as an ambassador to the dental profession. She is office manager, patient consultant, dentist's memory, and a buffer between patient and dentist. In order for the assistant to fulfill all these duties, she must maintain a positive mental attitude at all times.

The assistant must adjust herself to other people's state of mind and peculiarities so as to get along peacefully with them. One common technique used is to form a habit of having a healthy laugh as a means of turning anger into a harmless emotion. Remember, knowledge comes a little at a time so concentrate on the "can do" portion of your work and do not think about the "cannot do" part.

Remember always, all the thoughts you release come back to you greatly multiplied to bless or curse you; therefore, watch all thoughts you release and make sure you send out only those thoughts whose fruits you are willing to receive in return. The human mind may be compared to a two way radio set which sends out a message and also receives messages. Always send out only positive thoughts and refuse to accept anything but positive thoughts. God gave man control over only one thing and that is his power to think in what ever manner he chooses.

Be careful in regard to your manner of thinking.

Examine every successful dentist or dental assistant in the country and you will find he or she has a definite positive mental attitude. Examine the complete failure and he will always have a negative mental attitude. The degree of success will be in direct proportion to the degree of positive mental attitude.

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Dead Limbs In The Dental Office

By DR. HORACE W. BUTLER

Many years ago I heard a man tell of an experience he had as a boy while living on a farm in Kansas. It seemed that a cyclone was approaching and his father and neighbors were much concerned over the damage that might be caused. He was sent to bed, but before doing so, he knelt at the window in his bedroom, and as the lightning flashed he could see his favorite tree, in the meadow by the house, bending over from the force of the gale. He had played in and under this tree, spending many happy hours there. He went to sleep much worried for fear the tree, that he fairly loved, might be destroyed. In the morning he hastened to look out the window and his tree was standing, more beautiful than ever. Only the dead limbs had been blown to the ground, the removal of which added to the beauty of his tree.

May we liken our lives to a well trimmed and symmetrical tree, after we have removed some of the ugliness from these lives of ours. Not waiting for the "storms" to appear in our own every day life, but prune and trim some of the unattractive traits in our makeup, such as a displeasing personality, a facial expression, an unpleasant tone of voice, a sharp critical tongue. Perhaps it might be a characteristic of jealousy, selfishness, egotism, or a "cockiness" that annoys those around us.

In the dental office the doctor and assistant are closely related, one to the other, in the every day management and routine of patient handling.

It could be that the doctor needs to do some trimming of his personality and

temperament. The "dead limbs" of arrogance or impatience as he presents himself to his assistant and patients. He may be a procrastinator; he may be too ready to blame his assistant for disruptions that are not her fault. Maybe he is unpredictable, which is an ugly "dead limb" in the tree of any life. Perhaps he is too "close mouthed" in objections and displays his dissatisfaction in a manner that is annoying to his assistant.

Very often with the smooth running team in the office, the "dead limbs" have been pruned away. The irritating habits and procedures have been talked over and done away with, which makes for harmonious days. Therefore, all of the week everything goes well and it calls for no "storm" to take place in order that the beauty of the "team tree" can be something of which to be proud.

Some assistants forget to do some "trimming" and keep the "dead limbs" of indifference, disinterest, and all-wise attitudes that make some of the days for the doctor not too pleasant.

The doctor and assistant spend more waking hours together than with other people. The well "trimmed, symmetrical tree" is quickly observed and appreciated by Mr. and Mrs. Patient. So, before the "storms" have to destroy the tree of every-day relationship in the office, perhaps we had better remove the "dead limbs" that border on offensiveness, and change our personality traits in order that our office is a cheerful, well regulated, harmonious place that we can look forward to going to each day.

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NANCY MADDEN, member of the Toledo Dental Assistants Society, Toledo, Ohio, departed this life on Sunday, November 4, 1956.

The sudden demise of one so young has brought bereavement to all who knew Nancy.

"Who well lives, long lives; for this age of ours should not be numbered by years, days, and hours."

JOY PHILLIPS, *General Secretary*
American Dental Assistants Association



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KANSAS DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: May 13-16, 1957. Headquarters: Allis Hotel, Wichita, Kansas. President: Mildred Kraft, 2601 Parrellel, Kansas City, M. Secretary: Ava Anderson, 206½ West 6th Street, Concordia, Kansas.

KENTUCKY DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: March 31-April 2, 1957. Headquarters, Brown Hotel, Louisville, Ky.; President, Eula Kise, 2621 Country Club Court, Ashland, Ky.; Secretary, Willie Mae Snider, Box 165, Bardstown, Ky.

LOUISIANA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: April 25-27, 1957. Headquarters, Lake Charles, La.; President, Marjorie Chennault, 3313 Caperton, Shreveport, La.; Secretary, Marie Richardson, 143 Merck St., Shreveport, La.

MARYLAND DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: May 5-8, 1957; Headquarters: Baltimore, Maryland. President: Joyce Quinby, 3210 Mayfair Road, Baltimore, Maryland. Secretary: Helen Auer, 1519 Northgate Road, Baltimore, Maryland.

MICHIGAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: April 8-11, 1957. Headquarters: Tuller Hotel, Detroit, Michigan. President: Ruth Buske, 101 W. Maumee Street, Adrian, Michigan. Secretary: Ruth Maino, 610 S. Brown Street, Jackson, Michigan.

MINNESOTA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: April 1-4, 1957. Headquarters: Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota. President: Delilah Corbul, Renville, Minnesota. Secretary: Evelyn Komarek, 543 Lowry Medical Arts Bldg., St. Paul, Minnesota.

MISSISSIPPI DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: April 28-May 1, 1957. Headquarters, Hotel Heidelberg, Jackson, Miss.; President, June Visant, 1218 37th Ave., Gulfport, Miss.; Secretary, Emma Randall, 2326 Gulf St., Gulfport, Miss.

MISSOURI DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: May 26-29, 1957. Headquarters: Shearton-Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri. President: Onne Aubuchon, Broadway & Pine Streets, Poplar Bluff, Mo. Recording Secretary: Edna Trower, 9 Paris Court, Columbia, Missouri.

MONTANA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: May 1-3, 1957. Headquarters: Northern Hotel, Billings, Montana. President:

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NEBRASKA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: April 29-May 1, 1957. Headquarters: Hotel Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska. President: Deloris Butler, 924 Stuart Bldg., Lincoln, Nebraska. Secretary: Marion Martin, 614 Omaha Bldg. & Loan, Omaha, Nebraska.

NEW JERSEY DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: May 12-15, 1957. Headquarters, Hotel Traymore, Atlantic City, N. J.; President, Corinne Kernes, 242 N. Oraton Pkwy., East Orange, N. J.; Secretary, James Reynolds, 45 Church St., Newark, N. J.

NEW MEXICO DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: May 19-22, 1957. Headquarters: Hilton Hotel, Albuquerque, New Mexico. President: Pauline Briggs, 312½ West Church, Carlsbad, New Mexico. Sec-Treas.: Elizabeth Howard, 425 Solano, N. E. Albuquerque, New Mexico.

NEW YORK DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: May 20-22, 1957. Headquarters, Hotel Governor Clinton, New York, N. Y.; President, Bernadine Brekka, P. O. Box 253, Mastic Beach, Long Island, N. Y.; Secretary, Bernice Clark, 140 Rees St., Buffalo 13, N. Y.

NORTH CAROLINA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: May 4-7, 1957. Headquarters, Hotel Holly Inn, Pinehurst, N. Carolina; President, Janet Poole, 700 Depositors Nat'l. Bank Bldg., Durham, N. C.; Secretary, Edna Zedaker, 308 Medical Arts Bldg., Charlotte, N. C.

NORTH DAKOTA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: April 28 through May 1, 1957. Headquarters: Fargo, North Dakota. President: Ella Haney, 604 4th Ave. S. E., Jamestown, N. D. Secretary: Margie Pape, 404 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg., Grand Forks, N. D.

OHIO DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: October 6-9, 1957. Headquarters: Columbus, Ohio. President: Laura Armanini, 1892 Lancaster St., Cuyohogo Fall, Ohio. Secretary: Alberta Reed, 753 Franklin Rd., N. E. Massillon, Ohio.

OKLAHOMA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: April 14-17, 1957. Headquarters: Mayo Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma. President: Ann Barr, 412 Commerce Building, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Secretary: Adeline Rucker, 2510 N. W. 18th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

OREGON DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: March 4-6, 1957. Headquarters: Portland, Oregon. President: Lucy Hartman, 5304 N. Moore Ave., Portland, Oregon. Secretary: Donna Hoaglin, 13020 S. W. Douglas, Beaverton, Oregon.

PENNSYLVANIA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: May 23-25, 1957. Head-

quarters: Penn Harris Hotel, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. President: Mildred Frederick, 921 Birch Street, Reading, Pennsylvania. Secretary: Margie Baernkopf, 418 Telford Ave., Reading, Pennsylvania.

SOUTH CAROLINA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: May 12-14, 1957. Headquarters, Ocean Forest Hotel, Myrtle Beach, S. C.; President, Hazel Wilkinson, 4643 Oxford Road, Columbia, S. C.; Secretary, Earline Cromley, 2716 Brenda Rd., Columbia, S. C.

SOUTH DAKOTA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: May 12-15, 1957. Headquarters: Auditorium, Watertown, South Dakota. President: Joyce Dupraz, 1908 S. Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls, S. D. Secretary: Ione Powell, Box 409, Vermillion, South Dakota.

TENNESSEE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: May 12-15, 1957. Headquarters, Mountain View Hotel, Gatlinburg, Tenn.; President, Helen June Weese, 710 Walnut St., Knoxville, Tenn.; Secretary, Edna Snelson, 710 Walnut St., Knoxville, Tenn.

TEXAS DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: April 28-May 1, 1957. Headquarters, Texas State Hotel, Houston, Texas; President, Viola Spence, 1329 Medical Arts Bldg., Dallas, Texas; Secretary, Jippie Tolbert, P. O. Box 511, Tyler, Texas.

UTAH DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: May 23-25, 1957. Headquarters: Utah Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah. President: Virginia Oliver, 1980 W. 5600 South Park, Roy, Utah. Secretary: Delone Holland, 1870 Downigton Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah.

VIRGINIA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: April 29-May 1, 1957. Headquarters, Sir Walter Hotel, Virginia Beach, Va.; President, Mary Williams, Box 73, Matoaca, Va.; Secretary, Margaret White, 4802 Leonard Parkway, Richmond, Va.

WASHINGTON DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: March 31-April 3, 1957. Headquarters: Hotel Hungerford, Seattle, Washington. President: Dortha May, 830 Liberty St., Bellingham, Washington. Secretary: Ethel Duncan, 1126½ West Lenox, Yakima, Washington.

WEST VIRGINIA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: July 21-24, 1957. Headquarters, Hotel Greenbriar, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.; President, Peggy LeLance, Box 9146, Huntington, W. Va.; Secretary, Dorothy Oldham, 704 Security Bldg., Charleston, W. Va.

WISCONSIN DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION: April 28-May 1, 1957. Headquarters: (no information received). President: Andrea Merkel, 5801 W. Lisbon Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Secretary: Sandra Mochalski, 2044 S. 34th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

You and Your Emblem Pin

Elizabeth Howard, *Chairman*
ADAA Pin Committee

Circular in design of colors blue and gold—blue, pale without glare as a flame, symbolic of Loyalty—gold, precious and pure in quality, symbolic of service—centered with the book of knowledge, signifying Education-Efficiency-Loyalty-Service. This is your emblem pin—the official pin of the American Dental Assistants Association. Do you wear one?

It shall be the aim of the ADAA Pin Committee to follow our president's theme for the year—ADVANCE. Our aim is to ADVANCE the sales of pins and caps.

Our slogan shall be ADVANCE plus PARTICIPATE—A pin for every member.

We, as members, must participate in all phases of our association's activities in order to ADVANCE.

Do you feel that you are properly attired when you are in regulation uniform without your emblem pin over your

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We are proud of our emblem pin and our cap. Have you ordered yours?

A few weeks ago the Albuquerque, New Mexico dental assistants had the pleasure of reading an article in the morning paper, "THE BEST DRESSED WOMEN IN WHITE." In conclusion the author stated, "The best dressed women in white are Dental Assistants." We are still strutting, and I believe justly so. Isn't it nice to know that people do notice that the Dental Assistant is always neat and clean, displaying a sense of pride in her profession.

Help us ADVANCE through Participation—order your ADAA emblem pin today.

1957 EDITION OF ACCEPTED DENTAL REMEDIES

This publication is revised annually by the Council on Dental Therapeutics of the American Dental Association, Chicago, Illinois, in order to permit the inclusion of new information. It contains a list of therapeutic products marketed in the United States which are acceptable to the Council on Dental Therapeutics.

A new chapter on treatment of emergencies in the dental office and an enlarged section on narcotic analgesics has been added to the 1957 edition.

ACCEPTED DENTAL REMEDIES contains 214 pages, including a general index, a distributors' index to current reports from the Council, and an index to more recent reports on products not listed in ACCEPTED DENTAL REMEDIES, including those classified in Groups B, C and D.

The 1957 edition of this book was made available for distribution January 1, 1957, and sells for \$2.00 per copy.

Send orders for a copy to: A. D. A. Order Department, 222 E. Superior Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

RESULTS OF CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS

Since November 12, 1956, the following states held examinations for certification: Nebraska, Arkansas, Michigan and Colorado. Ninety-three qualified dental assistants took the examinations; Eighty-five passed the examination and eight failed it. Four thousand six hundred ninety-three assistants have been issued certificates to date. The results of the Colorado examination have not yet been tabulated and will appear in the figures given in the next issue.

Annette Stoker, Executive Secretary
American Dental Assistants Certification
Board, Inc.

CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS TO BE HELD

State Association:	Florida Dental Assistants Association
Place:	Suwannee Hotel, St. Petersburg, Florida
Date and Time:	Sunday, April 14, 1957, 9:00 A. M.
State Association:	Indiana Dental Assistants Association
Place:	Indiana University School of Dentistry
Date and Time:	Sunday, May 19, 1957
State Association:	Nebraska Dental Assistants Association
Place:	College of Dentistry, Lincoln, Nebraska
Date and Time:	April 28, 1957, 8 A. M.
State Association:	Northern California Dental Assistants Association
Place:	University of California, College of Dentistry, 4th and Parnassus Streets, San Francisco
Date and Time:	Saturday, March 16, 1957, 1 P. M.

SPECIAL TOUR TO ROME INTERNATIONAL DENTAL CONGRESS

We are informed by Dr. C. W. Carrick, of Oberlin, Ohio, Travel Consultant of the U. S. A. Section of Federation Dentaire Internationale that a special Tour has been developed for the ladies of the Dental Profession who may wish to attend the forthcoming World Congress in Rome, Italy, September 7-14th. A program of great interest to all dental assistants will be available besides numerous social events which will make it

possible to meet confreres from many different nations.

The tour is scheduled to leave by one of the newest tourist class ships August 9th and will visit London and environs, Paris, the Rhine Valley, Switzerland, the Italian Lakes, Venice, Florence, and a full week in Rome. Afterwards a visit to the French Riviera and home Sept. 24th. The fully inclusive rate for the tour is \$898.00 and offers what will probably be the lowest cost for such a nice tour. Those interested are urged to contact Dr. Carrick at earliest moment.

Views of the NEWS

BY MARION SMALL



*God and the doctor we alike adore
But only when in danger, not before;
The danger o'er, both are alike requited,
God is forgotten, and the Doctor slighted*

—From "Epigrams" by John Owens

As an important and potent professional group, can not these words, written 375 years ago, yet true in 1957, be a challenge to be met? Can we, by work in our homes, our offices and our communities, make these words false for our future generations?

FIRST DISTRICT

News from Massachusetts

It is good news to hear that over sixty Massachusetts members will complete their Extension Study Course in May. From the plans being made, we know no one will want to miss the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts State Dental Assistants Association. Edna Bixby reports that a fine educational program, with several excellent clinics and outstanding speakers will be presented. Leona NeJaimey, Reporter, tells us that Metropolitan District, North Shore District and Worcester District Societies all chose their winning clinics, papers and posters at their March meetings. New officers will be elected at the April meetings of these societies.

News from Rhode Island

Phyllis Jenkin, Immediate Past President, Rhode Island, and the 1st District ADAA Trustee, tells with enthusiasm of the wonderful program offered at their Annual Meeting held in Providence on January 2-23. Clinicians Evelyn Forloni with "Telephone Technique", Georgette Magiera, "Artificial Dentures", Lucy Campapiano, "Child's First Visit to Dentist", Mary Gianfracio, "Kiddie Korner" and Marguerite Grosse's clinic on "Processing X-rays" were all excellent. Dental Posters were displayed by Evelyn Forloni, Ruth Kindberg, Ann Gorman, Mollie Salvo and Beverly Gustafson. Julia Ruggiero, Georgette Magiera,

Ruth Russell, Lucy Campopiano and Evelyn Forloni entered the Dental Essays. Special Guests at the Rhode Island meeting were Etna Simonds, President, Vermont DAA., Irene Jarvis and Evelyn Conlon, Past Presidents of the New Hampshire Dental Assistants Association. Now, I dare you to call it "Poor Little Rhode Island!"

SECOND DISTRICT

News from New York

At their March meeting, the Dental Assistants Study Club of the Second District presented an interesting Panel Discussion on "The Dental Assistant—Her Role in the Office and Association Leaders of this discussion were Fanny Cohen, Beatrice Gindea, Mildred Goetz, Rosalie Silverstein and Belle Price. In April, this group will have the privilege of hearing Dr. Leonard Bluestone speak on "Anesthesia". The Buffalo Society held their March meeting at the Williams Gold Refining Company with Dr. Harward Wolfsohn lecturing on "Endodontics". Their April meeting will be "Canadian Night". The members and their Canadian guests will be hearing an illustrated lecture on "Children's Dentistry" by Dr. Daniel Dudley. Muriel Akins reports from the Richmond County Dental Assistants Society. They held their March meeting in the Medical Library at which time Dr. Ferdinand DiNoia presented an interesting and informative talk on "Sterilization and Bacteriology". In April, their host will be Dr. Paul DiCrocco who will speak on "Chair Assisting". The Elmira Society had a large attendance when they held their March meeting at the Hotel Endicott. Everyone came to hear the illustrated lecture given by Earl Canfield on his World Tour. Many clinics and essays have been prepared for presentation at the April meeting which is a joint meeting with the

Broome County Dental Assistants. With Drs. Rufus Robinson and Wolfram acting as panelists, the First District Dental Assistants Society participated in a discussion entitled "Information Please Question Box" at their March meeting in the Hotel Statler. In April Sabena Airlines will be represented by a member of their staff who will speak on "Vacation Talk—Do's and Don'ts of Packing." Thanks to Lee Taras for this New York news!

News from New Jersey

Margaret Volpe reports the attendance and participation of the New Jersey members at the Work Shop held in Asbury Park in February. She also says that big plans are being made for the Annual Meeting which will be held at the Traymore Hotel in Atlantic City on May 14, 15. Essex County members attended the Mid-winter meeting of the Essex County Dental Society on January 16th at which time Margery Cameron and Betty Theophilus presented their clinic, "Telephone Personality". This group enjoyed hearing Dr. David S. Davis speak on "Psychiatry in Dentistry" at their January meeting and in February, with the Essex County Dental Society as their special guests. Drs. Kander and Niviert presented an informative clinic on the "Care and Maintenance of Dental and Surgical Instruments".

THIRD DISTRICT

News from Pennsylvania

The Harrisburg Dental Assistants Society is to be commended on their community spirit and their efforts in helping further the fine work being done in their local hospitals. Each year they present a nice check to one of these hospitals, this year it was given to the Polyclinic Hospital designated for the Cobalt Therapy Center Fund. This is the first of its kind for the treatment of cancer in that area. During the past months the Berks County group have featured many fine education programs. An outstanding speaker was Dr. Guy Mamans who talked on "The Role of the Dental Assistant in The Office of the Endodontist". All members of this fine society "stood shifts" and their Rummage Sale at the Reading Fair was thus a success!

News from Maryland

Our Maryland reporter, Joan Berry, writes that the Baltimore City Dental Assistants Society was once again privileged to hear Dr. Norman Highstein give an interesting and thought provoking talk on "Dental Assistants." Last month they had as their guests, Dr. Irving Abramson whose presentation of "The Value of the Assistant in the Practice of Endodontics" was appreciated. February marked the beginning of the third Extension Study Course in Maryland with a large class enrolled and the cooperation of all their doctors in giving time for instructing. At their

March meeting, the Baltimore members heard Dr. Scherlis speak on "Heart Disease Encountered by the Dentist", followed by a question and answer period which was of interest to all. The Eastern Shore Society, in their effort to encourage good clinics by their members, had the privilege of seeing two excellent presentations. Marion Russell offered a clinic entitled "Helpful Hints In The Dental Office" and Elsie Flemming chose "X-ray Developing and Care of The Dark Room".

News from the District of Columbia

Miss Margaret Swanson, Executive Secretary, American Dental Hygienists Association, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the District of Columbia Dental Assistants Society. She spoke to them on the role played by the dental assistant in the dental team and reported in part, on the conference by the Council on Dental Education, ADA, which she attended.

News from Ohio

The Mid-Year Meeting of the Ohio State Dental Assistants Association will be held in the Commodore Hotel, Toledo, on May 18 and 19. Laura Armanini, President, urges all Ohio members to make plans to attend. Wanda Brand reports that North Central Society started the new year with a lovely candle light service for the installation of their new officers. The Columbus Society reporter, Virginia Kerr, tells us of the interesting talk, "Voice Modulation" was presented by the Ohio Bell Telephone Company. Each member was given the opportunity to record her voice and it was played back. Last month this group heard Dr. Brewer give an informative talk on "Oral Surgery". Ethel Prather reports from Akron. This busy group heard Mr. Bernard Rosen, Attorney, speak on "Dentistry and The Law" at their regular meeting in December. On the 12th, they bought out a Little Theatre. They not only made a nice profit but also saw a very interesting play, "The Seven Year Litch". January was their American Red Cross month. Their guest speaker was Mr. Ralph Miller, Director, First Aid, in the Dental Office". Through the cooperation of the American Red Cross chapter in Akron and their Education Chairman, Anna Mae Weber, the group had the opportunity to take a three week Home Nursing Course. It was Guest Night in Akron when the members of the Stark County Society joined them for their February meeting. It was also their Annual Clinic Night and all members attended in full uniform. The winning clinician will be named "Miss Dental Assistant of 1957" at their annual meeting but only the judges know who this winner is! Suspense! Stark County Dental Assistants held a Round Table Discussion of its problems on membership, finances, cooperation with State

and ADAA, etc. at their January meeting. They then viewed colored slides of their State meeting held in Columbus in October. The February meeting of this group presented Dr. H. V. Denzer speaking on "X-rays." They also attended the clinic presented by the Stark County Dental Society on Children's Dental Health."

FOURTH DISTRICT

News from Alabama

The Birmingham Dental Assistants Society is busy planning great things for all those attending the Annual Meeting of the State Association in their city next month. Dr. Charles Lokey, Jr., President, Birmingham Dental Society, spoke to this group on "Looking Forward to a New Year" at their March meeting and a lovely installation service was held in honor of their new officers. The Cullman Society, with the cooperation of their County Superintendent of Schools, is visiting all county schools this year giving toothbrush demonstrations and speaking to the children on the "Care of the Teeth." What a wonderful project! Twenty-four members of the Sixth District Dental Assistants Society met in Tuscaloosa to hear Dr. E. S. Brannon, Jr., give an interesting lecture and show color slides on "The Clinical Findings in the Mouth." Jean Rogers, Lorraine Glausier, Lenore Faulk, Ernestine Lurie and Louise Woodham were the members of the Dothan Society who presented clinics at their annual Clinic Night. The winners were Lorraine Glausier and Ernestine Lurie. Mr. Harry Hall, Banker, spoke to the Dothan members on "What Price Progress?" at their March meeting. Alabama's Fifth District Society is now planning to start their Extension Study Course in April.

News from Florida

Ruth Brush, President, writes to say that all Florida members are working hard in preparation for their Annual Meeting in St. Petersburg in April, as well as the ADAA Annual Meeting in Miami Beach next fall. The Broward County Society had, at their November meeting, Dr. W. R. Edwards as their guest speakers. He gave an interesting lecture on "Office Management." New members welcomed were Mary Beth Bobso, Mary Hurney and Pat Allegretti. The Tampa Society had the privilege of hearing Mr. W. Resh of the L. M. Anderson Dental Supply Company, speak on the "Proper Care and Cleaning of the Handpiece." Members of this society also assisted their doctors at the Dental Booth during the Florida State Fair. At this booth, under the sponsorship of the Hillsboro County Dental Society, over 4000 free dental x-rays were taken on children attending the fair. Their February meeting was held at the Brewster Vocational School Dental

Clinic at which time R. Resh gave a demonstration and talk on the "Care and Cleaning of the Dental Unit." Also on this program, Margareite Hoobler, Georgia Cogswell and Mae Simmons gave short clinics and talks on how to give clinics, suggestions for subjects and the importance of clinics to both the participants and those in the audience.

Kathleen Wright reports that the Extension Study Course is now in its ninth month in the Palm Beach County with nineteen members attending the classes. Dr. John Degnan is now giving lectures on "Bacteriology and Sterilization." The entire membership met in the offices of Dr. C. S. McDowell to hear Mr. Richard Morris, Director of Safety Services for the Red Cross, give an interesting talk and demonstration on "First Aid."

Congratulations to the six members of the Volusia County Society who were "Capped" by Dr. Thornburn last month. We know what Margaret Rigby meant when she wrote how proud she was that night when she carried home a 'pretty red rose in one hand and her certificate in the other! Their January meeting was highlighted with the attendance of Mr. Tedd, Hair Stylist, and two of his models. He demonstrated hair styling, make-up and general appearance to the assistants, with emphasis on the proper appearance in the dental office. In December the Miami District Society had the real pleasure of hearing one of the favorite speakers of dental assistants from coast to coast. He is Dr. Ralph Stuckey, Dental Research Director, Cooke-Waite Laboratory. Dr. Stuckey spoke to the Miami members on "Sterilization."

In January a beautiful Installation was held in the Panama Room of the Robert Clay Hotel. Following the dinner, served to seventy-five guests, the new officers were installed and presentation of trophies and certificates was made by Mr. David Elkin of the L. M. Anderson Dental Supply Company. The Membership Committee received the Achievement Award. Cooperation Trophy went to the Welfare Committee, Achievement Cup was won by Maria Bothen and Nell Prothro received the Cooperation Cup. Newly elected President, Lee Maddox, was awarded the Enthusiasm Cup, the Incentive and Friendship Cup went to Betty Macy and Retiring President, Bobby Oxar, was presented with the Past Presidents Plaque. Fourteen members were then capped and received their Certificates.

FIFTH DISTRICT

News from Kentucky

West Central Dental Assistants Society met with the Dental Society in Dawson Springs. An excellent clinic on "X-rays" was presented to the group by Mrs. J. W. Burtch, Assistant to Dr. Leroy Ennis of the University of

Pennsylvania Dental School. In January this society held its meeting in Madisonville at which time their guest speaker was Dr. Donald Whitehead of Evansville, Indiana. Dr. Whitehead lectured on "Surgical Assisting." The Louisville District Society had as their guest speaker for their January meeting, Dr. James G. Mixon, whose subject, "Sterilization of Instruments," was very interesting. In February, Mrs. J. E. Shafer spoke to them on "Cosmetics—Their Use by the Dental Assistant" and in March, Dr. H. L. Hill, Chiropodist, lecture on the "Care of the Feet"—most appropriate for a group of foot-weary dental assistants!

News from North Carolina

The North Carolina Dental Assistants Association held an Executive Board meeting in Pinehurst in January. Plans were completed and their program for the Annual State Meeting was presented to the North Carolina Dental Association. Plans are being formulated for a new society in Raleigh and we will all be anxiously awaiting the good news

News from Virginia

Moselle Comer, Fifth District Reporter, writes of the exciting plans being made for the Virginia State Meeting which will be held April 28-May 1 at the Sir Walter Hotel in Virginia Beach. The Certification Examination will be given on April 28th at the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital in Norfolk with Lee Mills as Examining Chairman. The Tidewater Society held the Annual Banquet and Installation in February at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. Dr. J. P. Bradshaw, President, Virginia Dental Association, led the Invocation, Mary Davis, Retiring President, received the Myers Trophy from Dr. Edward Myers, and Dr. R. B. Barrick, President, Tidewater Dental Association, presented the Achievement Cup to Emily Price for her outstanding accomplishments during the past year as Membership and Education Chairman. Special tribute was paid to all the Past Presidents as well as to Mrs. Ella Herberner who is retiring after twenty-seven years of employment as a dental assistant in the same office and over twenty years membership in the ADAA. May we add our congratulations to all of you fine dental assistants?

News from Tennessee

The First District Dental Assistants Society held their second capping ceremony for ten of their members. Pat Staten, Tennessee State Education Chairman, presented certificates to Shirley Hulse, Juanita Moore, Greenville; Louise Harwood and Loma Brooks, Johnson City; Helen Meredith, Evelyn New, Arlene Pleasants, Jeannette Wampler, Thelma Mauk and Louise Richards, Kingsport. The First District Education Committee is all ready busy planning a second offering of the Ex-

tension Study Course. Their membership was well represented at the joint meetings of the First District and Southwest Virginia Dental meeting in Bristol. At that meeting, Helen Meredith of Kingsport presented a clinic on "Construction of Acrylic Trays." These members and the members of the Second District Society are planning great things as hostesses to the Annual State Meeting to be held in Beautiful Gatlinburg. Our thanks to Virginia Hunt and Mary Smith for contributing all this news. Jo Ann Parish, member of the Memphis Dental Assistants Society, was the winner of the second prize bond for her clinic which was given with those of the other members of her society and students of the University of Tennessee College of Dental Hygienists, at the January meeting of the Memphis Dental Society.

SIXTH DISTRICT

News from Indiana

With their advisors, Drs. John Reuthe, Harry Bailie and J. Robert Davis, as their guests, the South Bend Dental Assistants Society heard Mr. Myron Meyers speak on "Procedure for Filling Out Tax Forms" at their January meeting. An informative talk on "X-rays" was given by Dr. Beauford Boederfer at their February meeting and in March this group toured the Tribune Television Building, followed by a meeting in the new office of Drs. John and Marjorie Reuthe. In April they will have the opportunity of seeing movies produced by the Ney Gold Company and presented by Mr. John Reinhart. These show processes used in using gold for crowns, inlays and bridge work. Your Editor thanks Frances Dickinson for her prompt and informative news contributions!

News from Illinois

The Annual Meeting of the Illinois State Dental Assistants Association was held on February 2-3 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago. Their very efficient little reporter, Nita Little, has told us just everything and although we would like to tell you all, only the highlights can be told here. Some of the outstanding clinics given by Rockford members were, "Dental Dilemmas" by Shirley See, "Can You Pour a Good Model?" by Lillian Zumdahl, "Sharpening Instruments" by Jan Axelsson and "Patient Registration" by Dianne Hoffman. "A Method of Veneering and Staining Full Cast Restorations" by Beverly Hickman and Marge Watkins and "Replacing Teeth on Dentures With Self-Curing Acrylic" by Audrey Hacker were the presentations of the Eastern Illinois members.

On Sunday afternoon those attending were privileged to hear Alberta Reed, Immediate Past Editor, Views of the News, The Dental Assistant, speak on "Mix Well Before Baking — Yield, One Good Dental Assistant" and

Dr. James A. Yeager, Instructor in Clinical Dentistry, U. of Illinois College of Dentistry. Dr. Yeager discussed the importance of a good training program for dental assistants. The Midwinter meeting of the ADAA with the Chicago Society as hostesses, was held on February 4-6. The program was well planned by the Chicago girls and included Dr. Morris I. Gerry who spoke on "Practical Application of Hypnotics," "Dental Implications in Repair of Clefts of the Lip and Palate" by Dr. Clarence Monroe, "The Dental Assistant and The Child Patient" by Dr. Roy M. Wolff and Dr. Marvin C. Goldstein who spoke on "Orthodontics and the Dental Assistant."

On Tuesday, clinics presented by Chicago members were: "Two Steps Ahead of the Doctor" by Georgia Angelopoulos, "Contra-angles and Handpiece Care" by Adel Conroy, "A Toothbrush Drill for the Patient" by Nancy Brent, "What Certification Means to Me" by Vaara Hein, "You'll Wonder Where the Confusion Went" by Frances Ploetz, "Pain with Stains" by Ann Reeger and "Simplified X-ray Procedure" by Ruth Shipley. Jan Axelsson presented "Personalized Recalls" and "The Dental Assistant and Dental Hygienist as a Team" by Kathy Mueller and Marcia LaFayette represented the Rockford Society. Shirley See and Jean Morsbach also of Rockford, gave their clinic, "Dental Health Education in the Schools."

Clinics given by Chicago members before the Dental Society were, "The Dental Assistant and the Child Patient" by Arlene Karlson, "The Birth of An Inlay" by Dorene Knight, "Sterile Packs from Endodontia" by Beverly Schafer, "X-rays and Impacted Thirds" by Ruth Shipley, "Office Aids Plus Appointment Book Equals Increased Volume" by Leona Hanson and Hanna Peterson, "Telephone Personality" by Betty Tarico and Harriett Wedow, "Office Anesthesia" by Georgia Millhouse, "Office Recall File" by Dorothy Baldwin and "Credit and Collections" by Leona Brault. Don't they all sound wonderful? Our congratulations to newly Certified members of the Chicago Society, Carole Bauer, Frances Diener, Sara Diliberto, Vaara Hein, Betty Enochsen, Lucille Fitzfarrald, Lillina Gough, Agnes Hansen, Dorene Knight, Ursula Larko, Peggy Lee, Florence Lowenstein, Sandra Schqueikle and Barbara Wright.

In March the Chicago Society had a fine program when they presented Dr. Boles on "The Assistant's Role in Oral Surgery," and their April meeting will be highlighted by a talk, "Asepsis and Antisepsis" by Dr. Edwin Robinson. Centralia Dental Assistants Society heard Mr. Daniel Boyle of Coe Laboratories, Inc., speak on "Efficient Mechanical Help in a Dental Office," at their March meeting. In April a discussion will be held on the ad-

vantages of the Extension Study Course and Certification. Plans will be begun for offering the course to the members in the near future. Audrey Hacker reports that the Eastern Illinois Society had a most interesting March meeting when Dr. R. H. Griffith of Charleston spoke on "The Relation of Nutrition and Endocrines to Dental Health."

Planned for the April meeting is something dear to the heart of the dental assistant everywhere. A Uniform Show and Cosmetics Demonstration! Audrey Hacker, Jerry Groben, Bobby Milone, Katherine Spieler, Connie Slaughter, Juanita Doeding, Pearilee Weber and Marge Watkins were Capped in a beautiful ceremony at their March meeting. The Decatur Society is about to start their first Extension Study Course. They heard Mr. Lee Winkler of the Elegant Beauty Salon, speak on "Personality Hairstyling" at their March meeting and the talk by Dr. Imas Rice who practices Psychomatic Medicine will be of special interest in April. Mrs. Anne Boylan, Dietician at the Illinois Sailors and Soldiers Home in Normal, Illinois, presented a talk "You and Your Diet" at the January meeting of the McLean County Society.

Following the program, the members folded the sewed bandages for the McLean County Cancer Society. This group has collected various types of drug samples and medical supplies to be sent to a Foreign Mission Field Hospital. In February, all members took part in a panel discussion of "Helpful Hints in the Dental Office." The members of the Peoria Dental Assistants Society started their new year by having as their guest speaker, Mr. Helen Fraley of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company. She talked on "Telephone Technique" and gave many helpful suggestions. Peoria has finished its first Extension Study Course and was examined on January 27th at the Kraus Dental Laboratory.

We also hear through the grapevine of the fine work Janet (What a Gal) Lindenberg and her committee have done in raising money for the Proctor Hospital Building Fund. They have secured pledges of more than \$2500.00. Peoria members are joining their doctors in taking the American Red Cross course, "Dental First Aid" for participation in the Civil Defense Program. Dr. Mary E. Simmons, Honorary member of the Peoria Society, was recently elected President of the American College of Women Dentists. Quincy assistants recently Certified are Nancy Burchette, Evelyn Frankenhoff, Joanne Purpus, Margaret Huelsmeyer, Esta Mae Moore and Florence McNeff. The Quincy Society saw a film obtained from the American Cancer Society at their March meeting and in April will see a film, "Use of the Telephone in the Dental Office." Kay Greco

Slade, Bonnie Gunderson, Myrna Crooks, Jackie Styles and Shirley See of the Rockford Society were recently Capped and received their Certificates. All the Rockford members who gave such excellent clinics at the Chicago meeting did a repeat performance before their own society in March. Rockford's School Education Program is continuing again this year and is progressing with even more success than before. Forty-five members participate in this work, each girl donating several Wednesdays to the effort. To date they have covered 38 schools, reaching 15 000 students. The third graders, all 2400 of them, have received toothbrush and toothpaste kits as well as instructions on their use. Funds for this project are supplied from various association activities and the members appreciate the cooperation received from the Rockford Dental Society. They have now received a special request from the Junior and Senior High Schools to include their classes in this worthwhile project.

We are all very proud of this ambitious group for the work they are doing in their community.

The Springfield Dental Assistants Society started off 1957 by meeting at the Associated Dental Laboratory for a clinic on "Gold Inlay Techniques." Dr. M. A. Ritza, Springfield, spoke on "Business Management in the Dental Office" at their February meeting. Dr. Robert Glenn, Burlington, Iowa, with his fascinating program on "Hypnotism," was the main feature of the March meeting of the Western Illinois Dental Assistants Society. April will see membership participation in the program "Helpful Hints" and Clinic Night. Western Illinois is happy to have completed its first Extension Study Course and joined the Peoria members to take their examination.

News from Michigan

Something new has been added in Michigan — Saginaw Valley Dental Assistants Society. Welcome!

Southwestern Dental Assistants Society Reporter, Helen Bushman, tells us that their Extension Study Course has been completed and the Certification Examination will be given to twenty-one girls in April. Their Annual Doctors Night in February was a big success with Mr. Charles Redding, former Scotland Yards Inspector, a most interesting speaker. In March they heard Dr. Charles Gay, Optometrist, speak on the importance of the "Care of the Eyes."

Ruth Buske, President, Michigan State Dental Assistants Association, writes of the plans for the Annual State Meeting which will be held on April 7-10 at the Hotel Tuller in Detroit. An outstanding program has been arranged with the following speakers: Dr. C. H. Bliss, Sioux City, Iowa, will

speak on "The Exceptional Dental Assistant" and Janet Lindenberg, Contributing Editor, The Dental Assistant, has chosen "Repeat After Me — We Refuse to Jog Along at a Mediocre Pace," as the title of her talk. Dr. Max Hart will speak on "Periodontics—Relation to General Dentistry," Miss Mary Crowley, Associate Professor of Dentistry, University of Michigan, will speak on "The Role of the Dental Assistant in the Prevention of Cross Infection" and "Teamwork in Oral Surgery" will be the topic of a presentation by Dr. Floyd Straith of Detroit. Clinics to be given on Tuesday are "The University of North Carolina Extension Course for Dental Assistants" by Mira Lindeman, Spring Lake; "Obtaining and Training your Dental Assistant" by Bayne Brooks, Dearborn; "Serviton" by Nancy Gregg, Flint; "Syntrex" by Betsy Kinley of Flint.

On Wednesday the Michigan members will have the opportunity of hearing Dr. Ralph Stucky, Dental Research Director, Cook-Waite Laboratories, speak on "General Asepsis in Local Anesthesia."

SEVENTH DISTRICT

News from North Dakota

The Grand Forks Dental Assistants Society met in the offices of Dr. R. A. Ogilvie in January to hear a very interesting and informative paper on "History of the ADAA" given by Ellen Welsh.

News from Nebraska

The West District Dental Assistants Society has welcomed new members, Joyce Gardner and Doris Ferrel. Their October program included a member participation discussion on "Removal of Stains." Dr. and Mrs. Wood were hosts to the group in November at which time Dr. Wood offered a very interesting talk on "Root Canal Procedure."

News from South Dakota

The Sioux Falls Study Club held their Annual Employer-Employee dinner in January with fifty-five present for an entertaining evening. The Huron Society had as their guest speaker, a Life member of the ADAA, Miss Vivian L. Prose of St. Louis, Missouri. Plans are being completed for an educational and interesting program to be presented at the South Dakota State Meeting in May.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

News from Missouri

The Clinic Trophies won by the Eighth District as well as the Poster Award won by Missouri, at the ADAA meetings in Atlantic City are being shown at the various local societies meetings. The St. Louis Society is busy planning the part they will play as hostesses to the Missouri State Meeting in May. This group has started another Extension Study Course with an even larger

enrollment than ever before. They had as their guest speaker at their February meeting, Dr. H. F. Keim, who gave a program on "Hypnosis." Dr. Romie H. Miller, Jr., spoke at their March meeting on "Creditation."

The Joplin Society heard Dr. Oren Hess of Carthage. His topic was "The Advantages of Being a Dental Assistant, Her Duties in her Office and Association." Nadine Massey, Lebanon, and Louise Ticher, Springfield, members of the Springfield Society were Capped at a lovely ceremony in November. The Southeast District Society comprises twenty-one counties. These members travel up to 100 miles to attend their monthly meetings and hear this, they very seldom miss a meeting! These girls are to be commended on their interest and efforts toward their association.

The Poplar Bluff Society met in Dexter for their January meeting with their guest speaker, Miss Dole Teachout, speaking on their responsibilities and interest in their "Government Today."

NINTH DISTRICT

News from Oregon

The Lane County District Dental Assistants Society have begun their Extension Study Course with twenty girls enrolled. They had as their special guests at their November meeting, State President, Lucy Hartman, and Education Chairman, Madge Tingley.

Capital City Society presented a very interesting program with Dr. Dyke speaking on "Preventative Dentistry." Other guests were Loretta Miller, Susan Southwell, Shirley Rankin, Rose Holland, Lynn Uhlman and Alice Mattson.

The November meeting of the Clackamas County Society was particularly interesting because Jerry Rable, student at Oregon City High School, was their guest. Jerry spent seven weeks in Athens, Greece, last summer with the American Field Service and he told of his experiences during that time and showed the girls colored slides of historical scenes taken in and around Athens.

Dr. Finley chose as his subject "Hypnotics" for his talk before the members of the Multnomah County (Portland) Society and following his talk, a discussion period was held.

Eleven members of the Southern Oregon Society became certified and the beautiful capping ceremony held at the Dardanelles in Medford was very impressive. The doctors and their wives were guests of the society that evening and Dr. Lee Mellish presented each girl with her cap and certificate.

Umpqua County Dental Assistants held their meeting at the home of Dr. Eleanor Stadler who gave them an illustrated lecture on the "Need of Orthodontic Services for a Small Child." Thanks to Charlotte Tober and Juanita Odom for news!

News from Montana

Yellowstone Dental Assistants Society had as their guest speakers at their January meeting, Mrs. Wilma King, Executive Secretary Yellowstone County T.B. Association, Dr. Walter Francke, St. Vincent Hospital Radiologist and Jay Lamers, X-ray Technician. They presented a panel discussion on the "Prevalence, Prevention and Types of Tuberculosis." They also showed a film, "Within Man's Power." Edith Newman, Vice President, Montana State Association, also tells us that wonderful plans are being completed for the Annual State Meeting to be held in May.

TENTH DISTRICT

News from Colorado

The 50th Annual Midwinter meeting held in Denver, January 6-9, saw the largest registration of dental assistants in its long history. Gretchen Kitzler, President, Denver Society and President-Elect, Colorado State Association, and her officers planned an outstanding educational program.

Colorado's State Secretary and Reporter, Daisy Madrigal of Boulder, writes that the semi-annual Certification Examinations were given to seven members. Outstanding speakers were Alex Drier, famous News Commentator, and Dr. Everett Claus who spoke on "Oral Pathology." Table clinics were given by Marie Gibson, Boulder, on "Juvenile Awards," Joann Tubner, Boulder, "Contact and Tact," Greeley members Marjorie Kay Hill and Irene Vogel-pahl chose as their subject, "Child Management."

The winning clinician and one delegate-clinician from Colorado to appear at the ADAA meeting in Miami this fall was Lavonne Shank, Denver, whose clinic "Effective Sterilization in the Dental Office" was most outstanding. Colorado members also had the opportunity of attending an excellent X-ray seminar given by the Patterson-Hettinger Dental Supply Company.

Guest of honor was the Tenth District ADAA Trustee, Elsa Mae Selzer, Colorado Springs. Daisy also tells us how much the Boulder members are enjoying, besides their regular monthly meetings, having lunch together each Friday noon. A nice friendly way to introduce prospective members!

News from New Mexico

Pauline Briggs, President, reports that plans are completed for another outstanding program to be presented at their next Annual Meeting in Albuquerque on May 19-22.

Good news from Carlsbad. The Roswell and Artesia dental assistants have joined with the Carlsbad members and it is now the Trans-Criadas Dental Assistants Society. Welcome! They are now sponsoring Teen-Age Dances each Friday evening arranged for and chaperoned by the dental assistants, some of

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whom are mothers and others who are still in the teen-age group themselves. A percentage of the proceeds goes to the Youth Center, the remainder being placed into the Delegate Fund which will send a delegate-clinician from New Mexico to Miami Beach this fall.

News from Utah

Congratulations to the eight Utah members who took their Certification Examination on March 17th! Deon Baird, Editor, tells us that plans are being completed for another outstanding meeting at the Hotel Utah in Salt Lake City on May 24-25.

News from Arizona

Dorothy Barber, Lucille Wallen, Inez Uchal, Etta Mae Bradley, Beverly Banghart Snooddy and Rita Kekas of the Tucson Dental Assistants Society took their Certification Examination on February 18th in the offices of Dr. Charles Tweed of that city. Laura Jordan, Arizona State Secretary, writes that plans have been completed for their Annual State Meeting to be held in Chandler at the Hotel San Marcus on May 2-4.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

News from Nevada

Welcome to the ADAA, Las Vegas! This newest society had as their guest in March, many members of the Southern California Dental Assistants Association and a wonderful time was had by all!

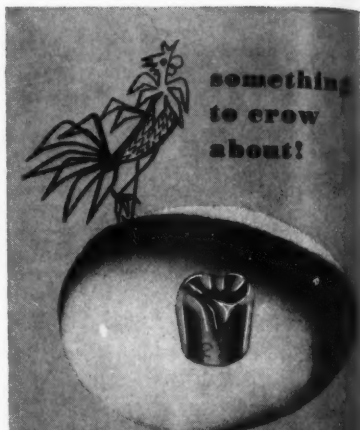
News from Southern California

We welcome another new group — the Centinela-South Bay Dental Assistants Society. Organized in November, they have already offered many excellent programs for their members including the talk Mr. Jennings, Insurance Counselor, gave on "Can A Dental Assistant Be Sued."

The Los Angeles Society heard Dr. Howard Pludow speak on "Hypnotism in Dentistry" at their January meeting while the Harbor District group was listening to Dr. Robert Fobb present an illustrated lecture on "Endodontia."

San Gabriel Valley Dental Assistants were wonderful hostesses at the Annual Midwinter Conference held in Pasadena in February. The Program included such educational features as the following, "Workshop Forums" moderated by Jeanne Adams; "Expediting Laboratory Work" by Mr. Les Flewelling and Mr. Frederick Thomaschke, "Parliamentary Procedure" by Rosalie Polzer, "Recording Secretaries" by Clara Nichols, "Treasurers" by Ruth Maas, "Membership" by Inger Urbon, "Standing Committees" by Edith Leach and "Leadership" by Ruth Collins. Thelma Bennett, D. H., presented a film titled "Let's Play Dentist," Dr. Melvin Ralston spoke on "The Assistant Relationship to Professional Liability" and Dr.

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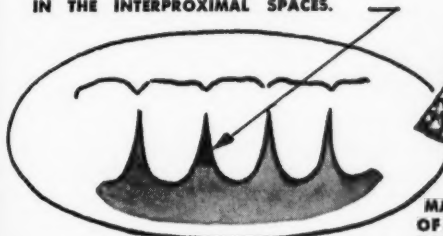
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T. K. Hill gave an informative talk on "Practical Anesthesia in Dentistry."

News from Northern California

Vivian Wreden, Reporter, tells us that thirty-five Northern California members took the Certification Examination on March 16th.

At their January meeting, Sonoma District Society enjoyed the talk and demonstration by Mrs. D. Rucker, Beautician.

Oakland had as their honored guest at their January meeting, Jinx Wood, 11th District Trustee from Berkeley. At the capping ceremony these Oakland members received their certificates: Geraldine Wolpman, Barbara Pratt, Arlene Codeglia, Nada Griswold, Charlyn Welch, Gwen Hughes, Frances Macia, Sue Banfield, Barbara Houdashelt, Rae Ann Weyerhaeuser, Raynean Carter, Glenna Presby, Jackie Rogers, Pat Gilbert, Pat Alford, Gerry Cain, Maureen Gribbon and Pricilla Hunt.

The Fresno Society had as their guest speaker, Dr. D. A. Bristow, who spoke on "Psychosomatic Medicine." This group also had a very successful "Cherry Auction" which is another name for a white elephant sale, says

Ellie Williams. A cute idea and we're glad your treasury swelled as a result!

Marin County Society had a card party to help their treasury and their reporter, Winifred McMahon, says their Round Table Discussion at which they talked over all phases of their work and problems as a society, was very satisfying.

Richmond Dental Assistants have had the opportunity of hearing excellent speakers during the past few months. Mr. Clark Rutledge, Dental X-ray Technician and Dr. Robert Osler, Periodontist, each spoke on their special field of work and Dr. Joseph Eason chose as his topic, "Semantics." Thanks to Reporter, Joan Payne.

All members of the Northern California Dental Assistants Association are urged to attend their Annual State Meeting to be held April 13-16. The Program planned for you is one you can not afford to miss!

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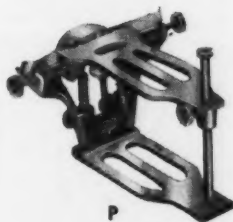
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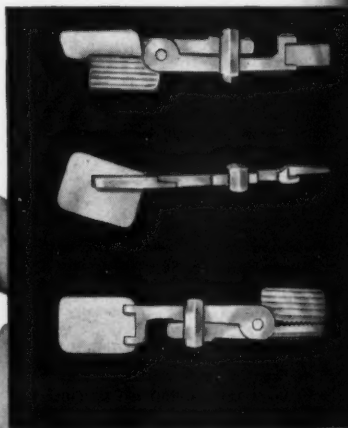
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